

THE COUNTY PAPER.

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President's Message.

The Senate and House of Representatives of the United States.

An appalling calamity has befallen the American people since their chosen Representative last met in the halls where you are now assembled. I might use recall with multiplied content the increased prosperity with which throughout the year the Nation has been blessed. The harvests have been plentiful, the varied industries have thriven, the health of the people has been preserved, it has maintained with foreign governments the undisturbed peace of amity and friendship, and the many feasts of the favor we owe to Him who holds our destiny in His hands the tribute of our grateful hearts.

To that mystic exercise of will which has taken from us the loved and illustrious citizen who was but lately the head of the Nation, we bow in sorrow and grief. We recall the whole of his exalted career, at his noble achievements, and of his patriotic life; will be treated forever as a red spot upon the Nation's memory. The untimely death of his death drew from the foreign governments and people tributes of sympathy and sorrow, which history will record as the greatest tributes of nations and the federation of mankind. The feeling of good will between our government and that of Great Britain was never so strong as in the present. In recognition of this pleasing fact, I directed on the occasion of the late centennial celebration at Yorktown that a salute be given to the British flag.

PANAMA CANAL.

Save the correspondence to which I shall hereafter refer in relation to the proposed canal across the Isthmus of Panama, the relations of the countries early in the year. The Fortune Bay cables were satisfactorily settled by the British Government paying in advance of \$100,000,000, of which \$10,000,000 has already been distributed as the terms of settlement. Including compensation for the loss of the ship, the British Government has paid \$100,000,000. The Panama Canal Company has received \$100,000,000. The Panama Canal Company has received \$100,000,000. The Panama Canal Company has received \$100,000,000.

INDIAN.

The surrender of Sitting Bull and his force upon the Canadian frontier has allayed all apprehension; although bodies of hostile Indians are still crossing the border, and the Government is maintaining a strong force to prevent any further incursions. Upon this question a correspondence has been opened, which promises an adequate understanding. Our policy is to avoid, if possible, all collisions with Indians.

YORKTOWN CELEBRATION.

The presence at the Yorktown celebration of the representatives of the French Republic and descendants of the French Republic, and the patriots who were our allies in the Revolution, has served to strengthen the spirit of good will which has always existed between the two nations.

BI-METALLIC CONFERENCE.

You will be furnished with the proceedings of the bi-metallic conference, which was held at the city of Paris. No accord was reached, but a valuable interchange of views was had, and the conference of bi-metallicists at the Electric Congress, which was held at Paris, this country was creditably represented by eminent specialists who in the presence of an international audience, and their efficient aid at the instance of the State Department, while their exhibition in this almost exclusively American city, has been a great honor to the country, and I recommend that Congress provide for the payment of the personal expenses incurred in the public interest by the honorary exhibitors of this country.

OUR NATURALIZATION LAWS WITH GERMANY.

No new requisition respecting the status of our naturalization laws with Germany have arisen during the year, and causes of complaint have been practically ceased, through the liberal action of the Imperial Government in accepting our naturalization laws, and the liberal action of the Imperial Government in accepting our naturalization laws, and the liberal action of the Imperial Government in accepting our naturalization laws.

CHINA.

Our intercourse with Spain has been friendly. An agreement, concluded in February last, fixes a term for the laborers for the Spanish and American claims, and the Spanish government has been requested to pay the late awards of the commission, and it is believed, accede to the request as promptly and cordially as the law permits. By recent legislation, numerous laws have been imposed upon American shipping in Spanish and Chinese ports for slight irregularities in manifest, etc. One case of hardship is specially worthy of attention. A Chinese steamer, the "Yong Kow," entered Manila in distress and is there sought to be confiscated under Spanish revenue laws for an alleged shortage in her transhipped cargo. Her master, who is a Chinese, has refused to pay the fine, and it is expected that the whole will be adjusted in a friendly spirit.

RUSSIAN CONSULS.

The Senate resolution, which was passed by the Senate and House of Representatives, is a landmark in the history of the United States. It is a landmark in the history of the United States. It is a landmark in the history of the United States. It is a landmark in the history of the United States. It is a landmark in the history of the United States.

ITALY.

Consular agreement with Italy has been sanctioned and proclaimed, which puts at rest conflicts of jurisdiction in the case of crimes on ship board. Several important international conferences have been held in Italy during the year, at the geographical Congress of Venice, the Bonifacio Congress of Milan, and the Nice Congress of Nice. The Italian government has been represented by delegates from branches of the public service, or by private citizens, duly accredited by it in an honorary capacity. It is hoped that Congress will give such recognition to the results of their participation as they may seem to deserve.

U. S. COLUMBIA.

For the protection of the citizens of the British Government on the provisions of the Clayton-Bulwer treaty of 1880, as affording room for a share in the guarantees which the United States has assumed, and the British government, before I have not hesitated to supplement the action of my predecessor by proposing to alter the Clayton-Bulwer treaty, and the British government, before I have not hesitated to supplement the action of my predecessor by proposing to alter the Clayton-Bulwer treaty.

SWITZERLAND.

The Swiss government has solicited the good offices of our diplomatic and consular agents for the protection of its citizens in Colombia, where it is not itself represented. This request has within recent limits been granted. Our agents in Switzerland have been instructed to certain countries in permitting the emigration of its citizens, and the British government, before I have not hesitated to supplement the action of my predecessor by proposing to alter the Clayton-Bulwer treaty.

ROMANIA AND SERBIA.

Treaties of commerce and navigation for the regulation of consular jurisdiction have been concluded with Romania and Serbia, since their admission into the family of European countries. As in the case of the other countries, saving like institutions and like means of advancement and development, the friendship of

the United States and Mexico has been constantly maintained. There is no occasion of encouraging the Mexican government to a beneficial regulation of the mutual commerce between the two countries. The commercial intercourse, and from the opening of the rich interior of Mexico to railway enterprise, I deem it important that means be provided for the benefit of the Mexican people, and to the benefit of the United States. The United States has been successful in the efforts of the reservation Indians on either side of the Rio Grande.

CENTRAL AMERICA.

The neighboring States of Central America have preserved internal peace, and their outward relations toward us have been of the most friendly. The ever encouraging signs of their growing disposition to unite with their local interest to those which are common to them by reason of their geographical relations. The boundary dispute between Guatemala and El Salvador has been amicably settled, and an opportunity to exercise its good offices for preventing a rupture between these States, and for promoting a peaceful solution of the question. I cherish a strong hope, that, in view of our relations of amity with both countries, our friendly counsels will prevail.

COSTA RICA.

The Costa Rican government lately formed an engagement with Colombia, which was a landmark in the history of the United States. It is a landmark in the history of the United States. It is a landmark in the history of the United States. It is a landmark in the history of the United States. It is a landmark in the history of the United States.

INTER-OCEANIC WATERWAY.

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CODE OF INTERNATIONAL RULES.

In its last extra session, Congress called for the text of the Geneva Convention, which is a landmark in the history of the United States. It is a landmark in the history of the United States. It is a landmark in the history of the United States. It is a landmark in the history of the United States. It is a landmark in the history of the United States.

TRADE REPORTS.

The State Department still continues to publish to the country the trade and manufacturing reports received from its various consular agents. The reports are a landmark in the history of the United States. It is a landmark in the history of the United States. It is a landmark in the history of the United States. It is a landmark in the history of the United States. It is a landmark in the history of the United States.

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Apaches are now held as prisoners for trial. While some have escaped and the majority of the tribe are now at large, the Government is determined to prevent further incursions. The United States has been successful in the efforts of the reservation Indians on either side of the Rio Grande.

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the exigencies of the case. I am embarrassed by lack of authority to deal with them effectively. The punishment of crimes committed within Arizona should be left to the Territorial authorities, but it is worthy of consideration whether the acts which are committed within the Territory should be treated as crimes against the United States. The United States has been successful in the efforts of the reservation Indians on either side of the Rio Grande.

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called to the decision of the Supreme Court of the United States, explaining its judgment of the reversal of the case of Miles, who had been convicted of a crime against the United States. The United States has been successful in the efforts of the reservation Indians on either side of the Rio Grande.

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